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Over 2,000 acres scorched in Kōke'e brush fire

KŌKE'E – Fire officials estimate that roughly 2,100 acres have burned since Sunday, following a brush fire that broke out in Kōke'e that morning.

No injuries have been reported.

While the majority of the blaze has been contained as of Monday night, the fire is still ongoing at this time due to limited access to the rough terrain. Units are on scene controlling the perimeter and creating firebreaks to suppress the flames.

Response efforts continued Tuesday, with State Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife leading the charge, along with assistance from Kaua'i Fire Department's Waimea fire station, Rescue 3 aboard Air 1, and the on-duty Battalion Chief.

Multiple ground crews and air support from the following agencies have also assisted in the effort since Sunday: County Public Works, PMRF/AARF, Airborne Aviation, Jack Harter, Cushnie Construction, Wa'alani Enterprises, Goodfellow Bros., Earthworks Pacific, J&R Equipment Services, 'Ohana Trucking & Equipment Services, Kaua'i Police Department, Hawai'i Department of Transportation, KIUC, and Hawaiian Telcom.

Power was restored to Kōke'e at approximately 10:50 a.m. Tuesday.

Access to Kōke'e is limited to Waimea Canyon Drive, which was reopened Monday night and remains open at this time. Kōke'e Road will stay closed at least through Tuesday while response efforts continue.



Updates will be announced as information becomes available.

The cause of the fire is being investigated. Anyone with information is urged to call Police Dispatch at 241-1711. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers Kaua'i, at 246-8300.



Above: A responding helicopter is shown making water drops to the Kōke'e brush fire, Monday afternoon. Photo courtesy of KIUC.

Left: Private companies have assisted state and county officials with suppressing the Kōke'e brush fire since Sunday. Pictured here is an employee of J&R Equipment Services using a bulldozer to stop the fire from jumping the road Sunday afternoon. Photo courtesy of 'Ohana Trucking & Equipment Services.



Above: Shown is an aerial view of the Kōke‘e brush fire, taken on Monday.
Photo courtesy of KIUC.

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